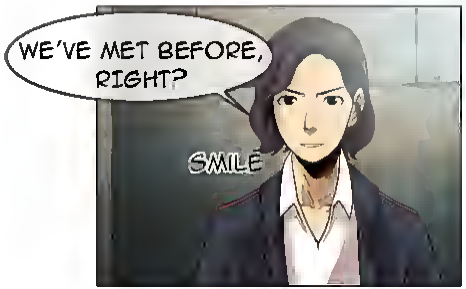
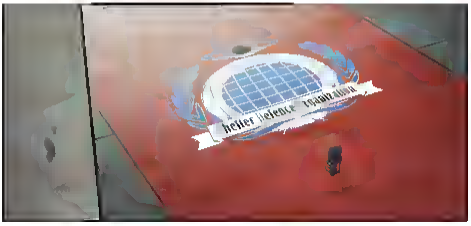

WE'VE MET BEFORE, RIGHT?
SMILE

OH...YES WE HAVE.
SCRATCH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GLANCE
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.....
MR. GRILLO?
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FOLLOW ME.
THIS WAY.
BEEP-

...LORENCINI?!

WHAT'S GOING ON? YOUR HOUSE HAS BECOME A RESTRICTED AREA! SO, I COULDN'T EVEN GO IN.

YOU DISAPPEARED BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE ANDROIDS ANYMORE! BUT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

COLODI...!

WHERE DID YOU LEAVE COLODI?

GRAB!

LORENCINI!!

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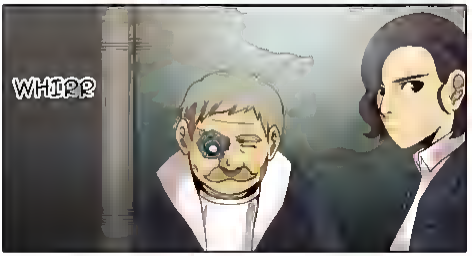
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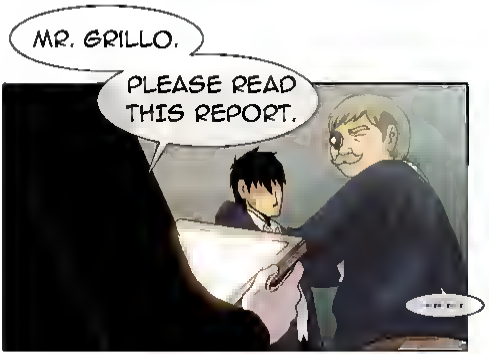
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MR. GRILLO.


MR. GRILLO.
PLEASE READ THIS REPORT.
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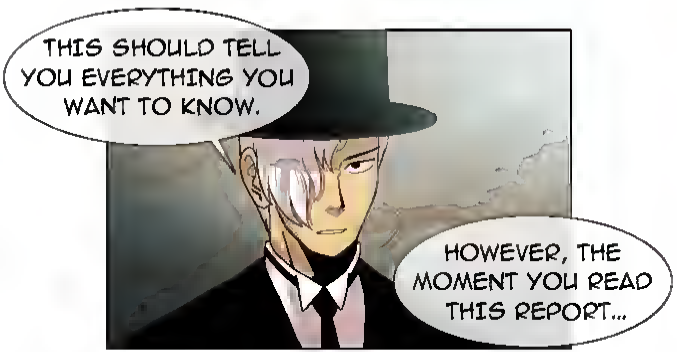
THIS SHOULD TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW.
HOWEVER, THE MOMENT YOU READ THIS REPORT...

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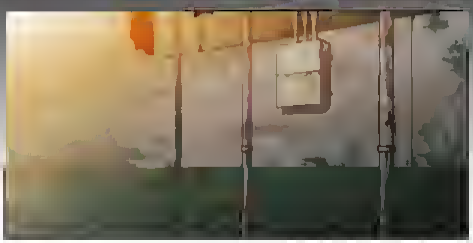

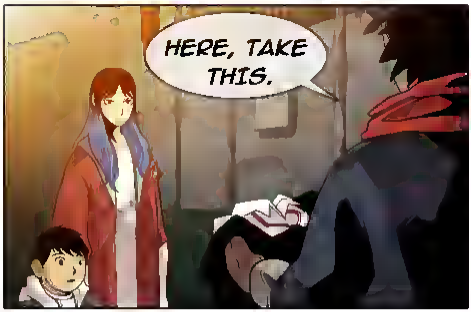
HERE, TAKE THIS.

THE ONLY CLOTHES LEFT HERE ARE UNIFORMS FROM THE OLD ROBOT ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY.
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IT DOESN'T MATTER.
STRIP~
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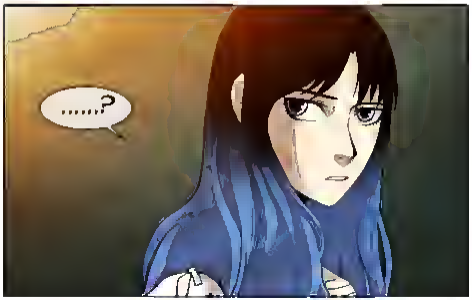
W, WHALE
YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES HERE!



KUHAHA COLODI, YOU'RE TREATING AN ANDROID JUST LIKE YOU WOULD TREAT A HUMAN.

YOU'RE IDENTIFYING WHALE NOT AS A "FEMALE TYPE ANDROID," BUT AS A "HUMAN WOMAN."

YET ANOTHER PROOF OF DOCTOR GEPETTO'S EXCELLENCE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? EXCELLENCE?
THAT ANDROIDS CHANGE CLOTHES ANYWHERE?
COLODI. AMONG THE ROBOT ENGINEERING BOOKS YOU READ, DO YOU REMEMBER THE PHRASE "UNCANNY VALLEY"?
UNCANNY VALLEY?
YES. AS ANDROIDS BECOME MORE AND MORE LIKE HUMANS, HUMANS BECOME MORE AND MORE FOND OF ANDROIDS.
BUT AT THE MOMENT RIGHT BEFORE HUMANS AND ANDROIDS BECOME INDISTINGUISHABLE, THAT FONDNESS TURNS INTO DISGUST.

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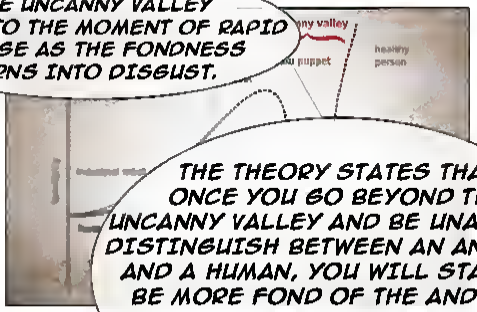
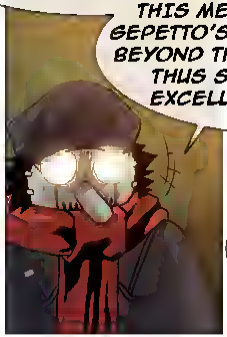
THE UNCANNY VALLEY REFERS TO THE MOMENT OF RAPID CHANGE AS THE FONDNESS TURNS INTO DISGUST.



THE THEORY STATES THAT ONCE YOU GO BEYOND THE UNCANNY VALLEY AND BE UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN AN ANDROID AND A HUMAN, YOU WILL START TO BE MORE FOND OF THE ANDROID AGAIN AND BEGIN TO GET SIMILAR EMOTIONS TOWARDS THE ANDROID AS IF YOU WOULD TO OTHER HUMANS.

THE REACTIONS AND EMOTIONS THAT YOU SHOWED TO WHALE WERE NO DIFFERENT FROM HOW YOU WOULD ACT TO A HUMAN WOMAN.

THIS MEANS THAT DOCTOR GEPETTO'S ANDROID HAS GONE BEYOND THE UNCANNY VALLEY, THUS SHOWCASING HIS EXCELLENCE. KUHAHAHA.



OK...I GOT IT, SO STOP LAUGHING.

IT'S ALRIGHT, I'M DONE CHANGING.

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WHAT'S THE MATTER, COLODI? AM I WEARING IT WRONG?
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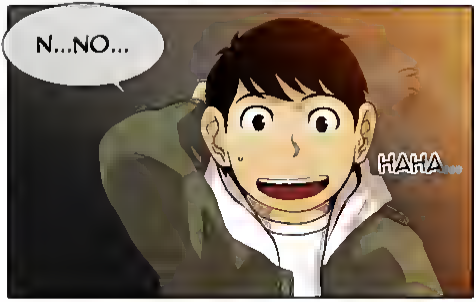
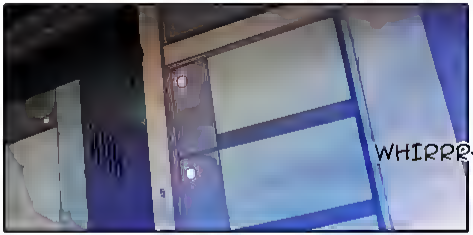

N...NO...
HAHA...

NOW, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR LEFT ARM, WHALE.
COME THIS WAY.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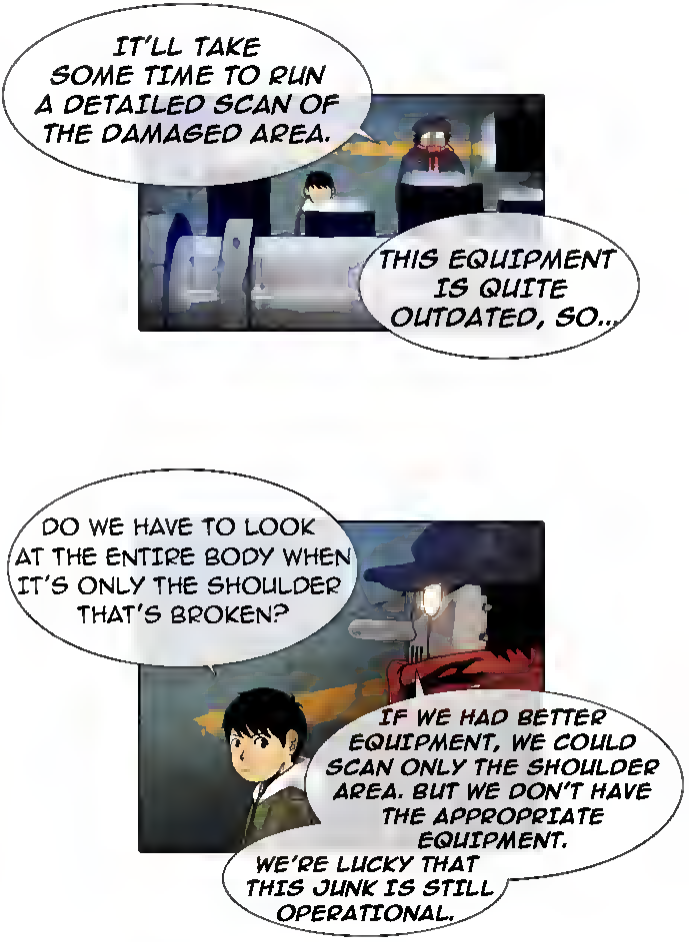
IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME TO RUN A DETAILED SCAN OF THE DAMAGED AREA.
THIS EQUIPMENT IS QUITE OUTDATED, SO..
DO WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE ENTIRE BODY WHEN IT'S ONLY THE SHOULDER THAT'S BROKEN?
IF WE HAD BETTER EQUIPMENT, WE COULD SCAN ONLY THE SHOULDER AREA. BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT.
WE'RE LUCKY THAT THIS JUNK IS STILL OPERATIONAL.

HOW COME DOCTOR GEPETTO MADE ANDROIDS SO SIMILAR TO HUMANS...
WELL...IT WASN'T THAT DOCTOR GEPETTO WANTED TO MAKE SUCH ANDROIDS COMPLETELY ON HIS OWN.
RATHER, THE HUMANS AT THE TIME DEMANDED THAT HE CREATE ANDROIDS MORE AND MORE LIKE HUMANS.
I HEARD FROM AN ANDROID CALLED ROSAURA...
...THAT DOCTOR GEPETTO SOUGHT TO CREATE ANDROIDS OF A HIGHER LEVEL, BUT PEOPLE ONLY ENDED UP USING HIM.
AND THAT TO MOST PEOPLE, ANDROIDS WERE JUST ANOTHER EXCITING TOY...

DID FATHER BUILD THIS ROBOT ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY?
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS ONE OF THE DOZENS OF UNIVERSITIES BUILT AT THE REQUEST OF DOCTOR GEPETTO.
BUT AS ANDROIDS WAGED WAR AGAINST HUMANS, EVERY ROBOT ENGINEERING RELATED FACILITY AND INSTITUTION WAS DESTROYED OR ABANDONED.
ALL ANDROIDS BECAME ENEMIES IN THE EYES OF HUMANS.
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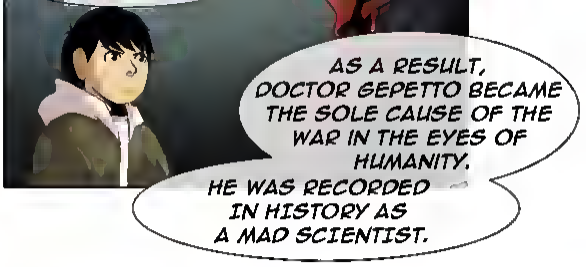
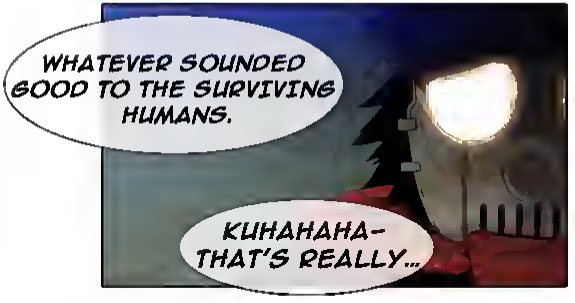
THAT'S RIGHT. DOCTOR GEPETTO'S LAST GENERATION ANDROIDS WENT BEYOND THE UNCANNY VALLEY AND OVERCAME THE DISGUST AND FEAR HUMANS HAD TOWARD ANDROIDS.
BUT UNJUST ACTIONS AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ANDROIDS WHO LOOKED LIKE HUMANS WERE UNREGULATED AND BECAME MORE WIDESPREAD.
THIS VIOLENCE AND MISTREATMENT OF ANDROIDS GAVE THE HUMANS A KIND OF CATHARSIS THAT THEY HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE.
THINK ABOUT IT. THESE ANDROIDS LOOK EXACTLY LIKE HUMANS ON THE OUTSIDE. BUT NOTHING YOU COULD DO TO THEM WAS ILLEGAL. COULD THERE BE ANYTHING MORE THRILLING? KUHAHAHA-
BUT WHEN ANDROIDS ROSE UP AGAINST HUMANS AND DECLARED WAR, THEY COMPLETELY FORGOT THAT THEY THEMSELVES DEMANDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE ANDROIDS AND BLAMED EVERYTHING ON DOCTOR GEPETTO.


AS A RESULT, DOCTOR GEPETTO BECAME THE SOLE CAUSE OF THE WAR IN THE EYES OF HUMANITY.
HE WAS RECORDED IN HISTORY AS A MAD SCIENTIST.



JUST LIKE HUMANS, RIGHT?

POLCINELLA.
I FOUND THE LAST FOOTAGE AS WELL.
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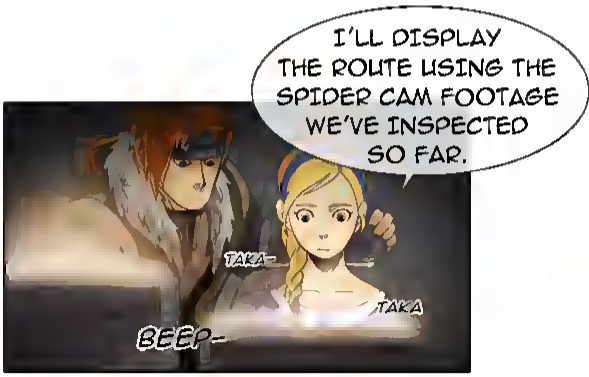
I'LL DISPLAY THE ROUTE USING THE SPIDER CAM FOOTAGE WE'VE INSPECTED SO FAR.
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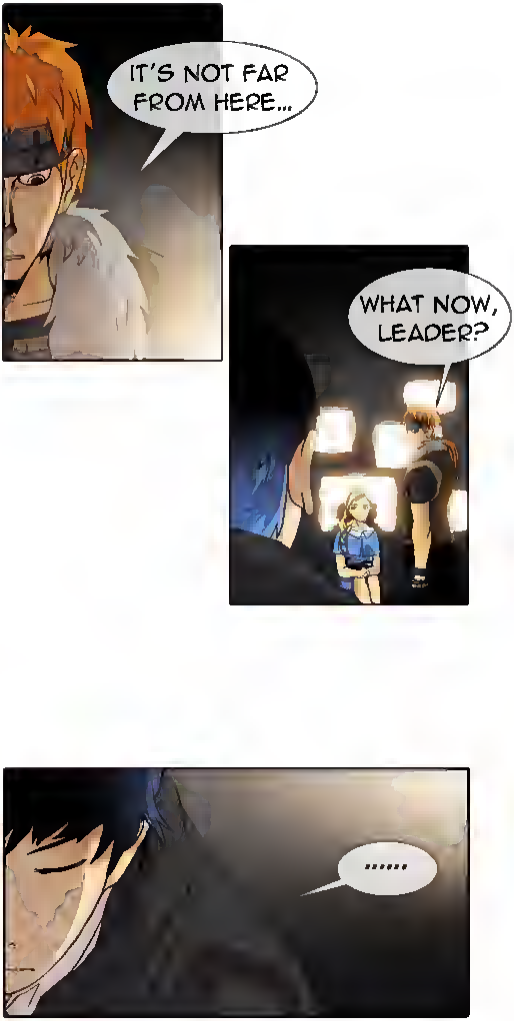
TAKA
BEEP-


IT'S NOT FAR FROM HERE...
WHAT NOW, LEADER?
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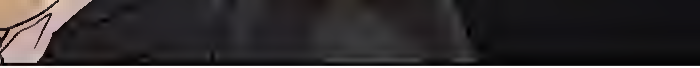
ROSAURA AND POLCINELLA, STAY HERE AT THE MAIN BASE ON STANDBY AND PROVIDE STRATEGICAL SUPPORT.

ARLEKINO, PREPARE TO LEAVE WITH ME.



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